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PROJECT SNOW LEOPARD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has not allocated any money for the 'Project- Snow Leopard' conservation project for the high altitude Himalayan landscape, for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the names of the State in which there is need to protect the wild 'Snow Leopard';

(d) whether these States have approached the Central Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of Central government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Though no allocation with particular reference to Snow Leopard has been made by the Planning Commission, but the umbrella scheme of 'Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries' covers the conservation of Snow Leopard.

(c) to (f) Snow Leopard is an important flagship species of the mountainous region and is found mainly in the high altitude mountains of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Both State and Central Government have been involved in developing strategies and action plan for protection and conservation of Snow Leopard.